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## Political Courage.

Truth bids us say that there is a little more spunk in Judge PARKER's letter of acceptance than in any preceding document of his composition since the campaign began. A little more, but not much.

It is easier to read than his predecessors, because Mr. PARKER himself, or some useful friend has edited away the overabundance of qualifying phrases, and modifying words with which the excellent gentleman has been accustomed in his political manœuvres to balast both sides so impartially that when you get to the end of one of his complicated sentences you do not know whether two-edged sword of double-edged has the flurried.

We bespeak the candid consideration of all citizens for what is the most creditable production, as literature, that has yet emanated from the pen of a politician. It is a letter of acceptance, and it is a letter of acceptance.

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is generally admitted that if wireless telegraphy is to be used at all by neutral vessels in or near a theatre of operations, whether military or naval, certain restrictions will have to be agreed upon. Among these it is not improbable that the three-mile limit, which has long formed the boundary between territorial waters and the high seas, will have to be extended for certain purposes.

Certain incidents of the Far Eastern contest have rendered it a matter of great moment to define as quickly as possible by general agreement what commodities on board neutral vessels may be treated by belligerents as absolutely contraband, and what articles, on the other hand, should be regarded as only conditionally contraband. Absolutely contraband are such things as munitions of war, the mere presence of which on a neutral's vessels bound to a belligerent's ports would justify the confiscation of such munitions at the hands of the other belligerents. Conditionally contraband are those things which may or may not be intended for warlike uses, and the question which has been raised repeatedly in an urgent form during the present war relates to the presumption which, in the absence of counter evidence, shall be held to render certain commodities on neutral vessels exempt from seizure.

It will be remembered that at the outset of the contest between Russia and Japan the former Power announced that provisions, cotton, coal and certain products of iron and steel, especially machinery, if found on a neutral vessel bound to a Japanese port, would be treated as contraband of war. The intention was subsequently carried out by Russian war vessels, both in the Red Sea and in Far Eastern waters. We have often pointed out that neither Great Britain, so largely dependent on imported provisions for the subsistence of her population, nor the United States, the principal purveyor of food products to Great Britain, could possibly acquiesce in the treatment of food as absolutely contraband. The determination of the United States to resist such an interpretation of international law was expressed clearly in the note addressed by our State Department to the St. Petersburg Foreign Office. We lately learned with gratification that, in deference to the concurrent protests received from Washington and London, the Russian Government had receded from the position originally taken with reference to food, and had agreed that hereafter food should be viewed as only conditionally contraband, that is, should be exempt from seizure if consigned not to a blockaded port or to any known agents of a belligerent government, or of its military or naval authorities, but to private persons, the subjects or citizens of such belligerent.

We have dwelt once more upon this question of conditionally contraband in order to demonstrate the extreme importance of having the distinction between absolutely and conditionally contraband articles embodied in a general agreement to be reached at the second peace conference which President Roosevelt has wisely recognized the expediency of convoking.

## The Split Ticket.

The ease with which a voter may cast his ballot on Nov. 8 for the Republican candidate for electors of President and Vice-President and for the Hon. D. CADY HERRICK for Governor and the Hon. FRANCIS BURTON HARRISON for Lieutenant-Governor is illustrated graphically in the official ballot handed by the election inspector to each voter before he enters the voting booth the names of all the candidates for office are printed in columns. The first column contains the Republican emblem and the names of that party's nominees. The candidates for electors of President and Vice-President head the list, the State ticket coming next, and the local nominees last. The names of the Democratic candidates are printed in the second column. In the illustration printed to-day a part of each of these columns is pictured.

There are thirty-nine candidates for Presidential elector on each ticket, that being the number of electors to which the State is entitled under the Twelfth Census. The name of each candidate occupies a separate division of the ballot, and at the left of each name is an enclosed space in which the voter may make the legal cross (X) mark to indicate his choice of candidates. In the illustration printed herewith only the first five candidates for elector and only the candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor on each ticket are given. These are sufficient to illustrate the manner in which a split ticket should be voted.

The better way for the voter casting a split ticket to mark his ballot is shown in the figure marked "A." The voter disregards entirely the party emblem and the circle, and makes the legal cross (X) mark in front of the name of each Republican candidate for elector. This requires that he make thirty-nine crosses (X) marks to vote for all the Republican candidates. It is necessary to vote for all of them to make the ballot effective. Voters do not cast their ballots directly for President and Vice-President. They vote for the electors, and if they fail to make the cross (X) mark in the space at the left of each candidate's name, the men in front of whose names they neglect to make the cross (X) mark do not receive the vote.

Having made the thirty-nine crosses (X) marks in front of the names of the thirty-nine Republican candidates for Presidential elector, the voter shifts to the second or Democratic column on the ballot and makes the cross (X) mark in front of the names of the other candidates for office for whom he chooses to vote on whatever ticket they appear. Marking his ballot in this manner, the voter must bear in mind that it will be counted only for the candidates in front of whose names he makes the legal cross (X) mark. This is the safest way in which to vote a split ticket. There can be no

mistake in counting the ballot, no dispute over the voter's intention.

The second method of voting a split ticket is shown in "B." On this ballot the voter makes the cross (X) mark in the circle under the Republican emblem. By doing so he votes the Republican ticket from top to bottom straight, except for such candidates on other tickets as he indicates by placing a cross (X) mark in the voting spaces in front of their names. In the ballot illustrated the vote would be counted for every candidate on the Republican ticket except FRANK W. HIGGINS and M. LINN BRUCE. For the office of Governor it would be counted for Mr. HERRICK and for the office of Lieutenant-Governor for Mr. HARRISON.

The danger involved in this method of splitting the ticket is that disputes may arise as to the intent of the voter, and that his ballot may be thrown out entirely, or his vote nullified as to one or more of the candidates. It is also possible that all the cross (X) marks on the ballot except that in the circle under the emblem may be overlooked in counting the ballot, and thus the vote may be counted for men to oppose whom the voter took particular pains.

Every voter on election day should make the cross (X) mark in the voting space in front of the name of each candidate on the Republican ticket for elector, and in front of the names of the Hon. D. CADY HERRICK and the Hon. FRANCIS BURTON HARRISON in the Democratic column.

This makes a Citizens' Ticket, and in our opinion it is the ticket which good citizens of the Empire State should vote six weeks from to-morrow.

## Education and Football.

Discussing the history of pedagogical training, Dr. THOMAS M. BALLIET, Dean of the School of Pedagogy of the New York University, lays just stress upon the importance of play in education. He says that education "is becoming less bookish." Indeed, the absolute divorce of books from education may be awaited hopefully. Once education was a word. Now it is largely play. The old-fashioned, compulsory, arbitrary system is obsolete. Dr. JOHNSON said brutally that children are afraid of being whipped, get their task, "and there's an end on't." The rod is going, and the task is gone. Children frisk, scamper and play into education. With what muttering and sullenness, what kneading of dry knuckles into briary eyes, the old-fashioned child learned to spell "cat" and "dog" and "drum." Now he mews, bows-wow or beats an actual drum or sees a picture of a cat, a dog, a drum, and as long as the picture or the original is before him, he can spell the word.

The play of men, animals and children, has been studied by psychologists, anthropologists and sociologists. "All animals," Dr. BALLIET tells us, "develop healthy bodies through play, without formal gymnastics." To the last clause we can give only a provisional assent. The resilience of a mule's hind leg may be the survival of a primitive formal game.

The greyhound is the product of age-long systematic training, dinging and sprinting.

In his opening address at the School of Pedagogy, Saturday, Dr. BALLIET committed himself to a theory of play that gives a new dignity to the chief fall study in the schools and colleges:

"Play is the reproduction or repetition of what was serious work on the part of our remote prehistoric ancestors. The football game is a rehearsal of tribal wars, and develops the virtues essential to primitive social life, such as courage, loyalty, self-subsistence and self-control."

While we hold the prehistorical, historical and anthropological theory of play, some of Dr. BALLIET's assertions are doubtful. Football is not merely a reproduction and rehearsal of serious work; it is mighty serious work. Were remote prehistoric ancestors "up to such work?" Did the great ancestral primates, arboreal in their habits, punt and kick coconuts in clearings of the jungle? The so-called "football fair" is clearly a survival of the elder days, when men were their natural furs. "Made the fur fly" is a fossilized metaphor. But we cannot believe that football is only a rehearsal of tribal warfare. It is not a rehearsal; it is the main business and the great tragedy of school life. It is so imperfectly nourished and caudate tribes never could have survived it. And look at the thin and scrawny shine of the Australian black fellows, supposed to be nearer than most other tribes to the state of nature, "the primitive" type. Football, the nurse of manly biceps and heroic calves, has never been among those savages. Unless it was developed among the arboreal ancestors, chasing the coconut, it can hardly have arisen before the pastoral age. When was the first pigskin tanned?

Obscure is the question of the origin of football and other sports. The pile dwellers may have "gone in for" water polo; but football was out of their element. The cave dwellers may have had squash courts and handball courts, but they had small facilities for football. But whatever its origin, Dr. BALLIET is right in saying that it develops the elemental virtues. At the same time, its sinister tendency toward militarism has made divers Mugwump mourn.

## The Citizen Unionists.

The campaign to redeem New York State from Odellism is one that appeals strongly to the men who compose the Citizens' Union. The policy of that organization is not to engage in political contests outside the municipal corporation of New York city, but the reasons that impel voters to associate themselves together to bring about a reform in a subdivision of the State operate as strongly to array them for reform in the State itself.

The defeats of Tammany in 1894 and in 1901 were due to the subversion of the government of New York city to the will of one man, who used it to further his own selfish and personal ends. To-day the government of the State of New York is controlled by one man, while the organization of the Republican party

in the State is converted, as far as possible by him, to the uses of a mere feeder.

Under these circumstances there can be little doubt as to the action of the members of the Citizens' Union at the polls on Nov. 8. They will vote for HERRICK and HARRISON, with the campaign cry of "Smash the Grocery!"

## Mr. McCarren's Great Speech.

The Hon. PATRICK HENRY MCCARREN'S Saturday night speech at the banner raising of the Parker and Davis club of Homestead in the Thirty-first ward, Brooklyn, was an original and a noble effort. Mr. MCCARREN speaks too seldom. There will be a general cry for him among Democrats as soon as this speech has been read by the Democratic speakers' bureau.

Among many great passages we can pick but three:

"I (HERRICK) stands for everything that is opposed to that for which the Republican candidate stands."

Mr. ROOSEVELT stands for the gold standard. Judge PARKER must stand for the silver standard.

"I ask you whether President ROOSEVELT has kept his promise to keep us at peace with all the world? I ask you if he has not pursued a diametrically opposite course?"

Evidently the United States is at war with all the world. Mr. MCCARREN ought to telephone the dark fact to the delegates of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

"We have nominated a man who never lifted his hand nor raised his voice for the nomination. The nomination sought him."

We hope that Mr. MCCARREN has sent a marked copy of his singularly stimulating speech to the retired retiree of Wolfert's Roost.

If Col. HENRY W. SAVAGE can abolish the ticket speculator nuisance at the three trees which he controls, he will have won the most creditable victory in all his successful career as a manager of entertainments.

In 1903 the Prohibitionists of Rhode Island cast some of their votes for Governor GARVIN and thus contributed to his election. The other candidates on the Democratic ticket without such Prohibition support were defeated. This year Rhode Island Prohibitionists have nominated HENRY B. MERCER, their candidate for Vice-President in 1900, for Governor, and they declare that their action is an evidence of the dissolution of their alliance with the Democrats. They have, in fact, ruled themselves out of any effective participation in the contest. Last year GARVIN's plurality was 1,803. The Prohibition vote for Lieutenant-Governor was 1,841.

The candidate for Vice-President of the portentous "Continental National party," which held a convention in Chicago, has declined the honor. He is a resident of the District of Columbia, where the citizens do not possess the suffrage. No regular party would think of nominating for the Vice-Presidency a candidate from a political division which has no vote.

This year the Populists have their Presidential candidate from Georgia, a State irredeemably Democratic. Their Vice-Presidential candidate, the unique TIBBLES, is from Republican Nebraska.

The Prohibitionists nominated their Presidential candidate from Pennsylvania, and their Vice-Presidential candidate from Texas. At the last national election Pennsylvania gave 284,000 Republican plurality; Texas gave 140,000 Democratic plurality.

Some years ago a promising third party movement for the preservation of the Democratic organization against a distasteful fusion chose as Presidential candidate a nominee against whose selection the claim was made that he was ineligible, being a native of Ireland. Some years later the Socialist party, then united, chose Presidential electors but refused to designate a President for whom they should vote.

## Queer Features of Malaria.

From the Medical Record.  
Free drinking of water will favor malarial infection. The old belief of the danger of eating watermelons has its truth nicely hidden, and the converse is also true.

Again and again I see harvest hands sleeping out, bitten by swarms of mosquitoes nightly, escaping all symptoms until they stop work and sweating, and then in less than a week they will come to me with a history of a chill. Now, after treating a few families, you will notice that the children and young adults have it, but the grand-parents, as usual, escape it. If you find an old, little withered man or woman they are free. This may be from their lack of juices or from acquired immunity. In many cases of old residents I am sure it is the latter, but even in newcomers the thin, dry grand-parents escape. Malaria is practically a disease of childhood. So universal is it that few children escape, and their watery structure favors infection, until by years of suffering they win immunity.

Perhaps you have seen a man who has gone untreated for a long time and worn out the disease. He is weak, bloodless and yellow, but he is as dry as if he had been baked. Every possible drop of water has been exerted and he gets well.

## Edward VII. Musical Critic.

From the Manchester Guardian.  
Many English people will be glad to know that King Edward VII. thinks that musical composition was not a very high art. He is a native of Ireland. Some years later the Socialist party, then united, chose Presidential electors but refused to designate a President for whom they should vote.

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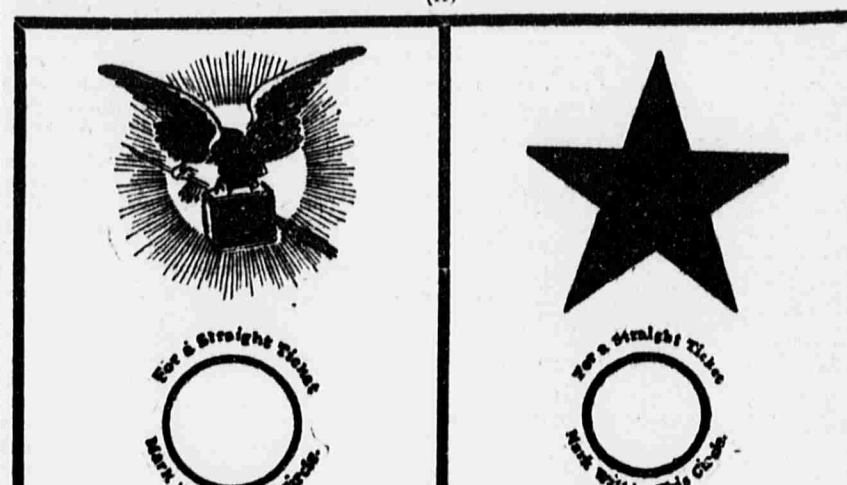
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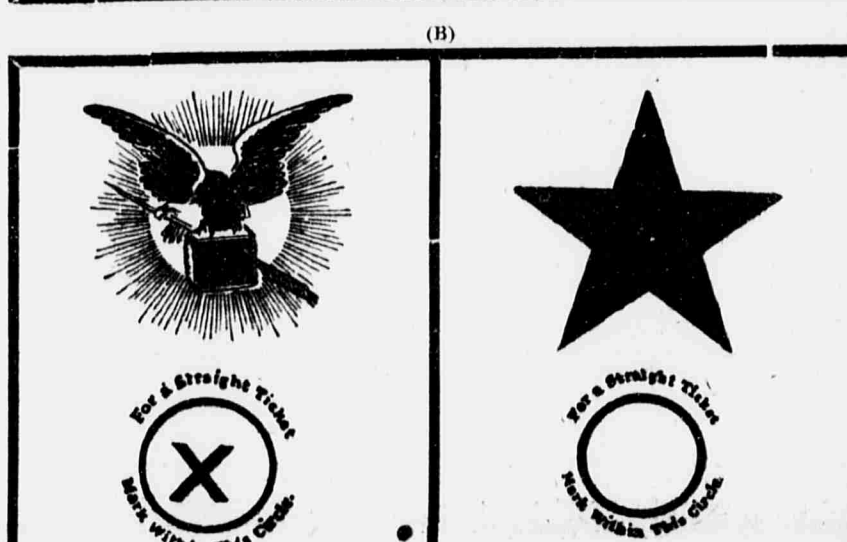
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How the Elector Should Mark His Ballot to Vote for Roosevelt for President and to Rebuke Odellism in the State.



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X	PETER WYCKOFF.		HYMAN ROSENSON.
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For the Other Fellow, Whoever He Was.

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COAL AND IRON CONTRABAND? Russia Once Declared That She Would Never Assent to That Doctrine as to Coal.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: It seems that while the Russian Government, in answer to the very able and considered notes of Secretary Hay, has at last recognized the doctrine that provisions shipped to private individuals in belligerent ports cannot be considered contraband, unless there is sufficient evidence to show that they are intended for the military or naval use of the enemy, that Government still insists that coal and iron are to be treated as contraband and therefore subject to confiscation.

The proposition is absolutely untenable as the one in reference to provisions, which has been abandoned. There is but one test by which the character of a shipment can be determined, and that is the purpose for which it is shipped. Where an article is evidently intended for military use, as arms and ammunition, the belligerent has a perfect right to say that it should not be shipped to an enemy, and to declare it contraband. When an article is not ordinarily used for military purposes but for consumption by peaceful residents of a hostile country, it is presumably not contraband, and should be considered only when there is convincing proof that it is intended for the use of the army or navy of the enemy.

This distinction was clearly drawn by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of the Peterhof. This vessel was captured by the United States fleet while it was bound for Matamoros, a Mexican port on the Rio Grande. The cargo consisted partly of provisions and ammunition, and partly of provisions which were, as shown by the evidence, intended to be sent across the Rio Grande into the Southern Confederacy for sale to its civil inhabitants. The Court held that the provisions were not contraband, but that the provisions were innocent merchandise and as such should be released.

So when France in 1885 declared rice shipped to Chinese ports north of Canton to be contraband, the British Government controverted the proposition, and Lord Granville wrote the French Ambassador as follows:

"In view of her Majesty's Government the test appears to be whether there are circumstances relative to any particular cargo or its destination to displace the presumption that articles of this kind are intended for the ordinary consumption of the people, and to show prima facie at all events that they are destined for military use."

The same reasoning applies to coal and